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AMENDMENTSIn the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An elastic nonwoven fabric containing a long elastomeric fiber and a nonelastomeric fiber at a ratio ranging from 50/50 to 95/5 on a weight basis, wherein said long elastomeric fiber has an average diameter (Bd) of 5 to 40 μm , an elongation recovery rate of the elastic nonwoven fabric after 50% elongation is 70% or higher, and a separation resistance of two sheets of the same is equal or less than the strength at 50% elongation, wherein and a ratio of Bd to an average diameter (Ad) of said nonelastomeric fiber and an average diameter (Bd) of said long elastomeric fiber are in a relation of Bd/Ad >= (i.e., the value of Bd/Ad) is no less than the value of 25/18.
2. (original) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to Claim 1, wherein the said long elastomeric fiber is manufactured by the melt-blowing method.
3. (original) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to Claim 1, wherein the said long elastomeric fiber comprises at least one of the group consisting of elastomeric polystyrenes and elastomeric polyolefins.
4. (currently amended) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to Claim 1, wherein the said nonelastomeric fiber has an average diameter (Ad) of 1 to 20 μm , whereas the said long elastomeric fiber has an average diameter (Bd) of 5 to 40 μm .

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5. (original) A laminated elastic nonwoven fabric manufactured by laminating at least one item chosen from the group consisting of a nonwoven fabric different from one according to Claim 1, film, web, textile, knit and fiber bundle, to an elastic nonwoven fabric according to Claim 1.

6. (original) A fiber product which employs the elastic nonwoven fabric according to Claim 1.

7. (original) A fiber product which employs the laminated elastic nonwoven fabric according to Claim 5.

8. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric containing a long elastomeric fiber and a long nonelastomeric fiber at a ratio ranging from 50/50 to 95/5 on a weight basis, wherein an elongation recovery rate of the elastic nonwoven fabric after 50% elongation is 70% or higher, and a separation resistance of two sheets of the same is equal or less than the strength at 50% elongation.

9. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to Claim 8, wherein the long elastomeric fiber and the long nonelastomeric fiber are mixed uniformly.

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10. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to Claim 8, wherein a ratio of an average diameter (Bd) of the long elastomeric fiber to an average diameter (Ad) of the long nonelastomeric fiber (i.e., the value of Bd÷Ad) is no less than the value of 25/18.

11. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric containing a long elastomeric fiber and a long nonelastomeric fiber at a ratio ranging from 50/50 to 95/5 on a weight basis, spun with a melt-blown method or a spunbonding method that uses spinnerets each having a spinning hole for discharging elastomeric resin and another spinning hole for discharging nonelastomeric resin thereon, wherein an elongation recovery rate of the elastic nonwoven fabric after 50% elongation is 70% or higher, and a separation resistance of two sheets of the same is equal or less than the strength at 50% elongation.

12. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to Claim 11, wherein a ratio of an average diameter (Bd) of the long elastomeric fiber to an average diameter (Ad) of the long nonelastomeric fiber (i.e., the value of Bd÷Ad) is no less than the value of 25/18.